

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 131

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ashley Hawkins as a recipient of the 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those estimable citizens of this State, both young and old, who consistently demonstrate a personal commitment to improve the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Hawkins, a resident of Brentwood and a senior at Harpeth Hall School, achieved national recognition for her exemplary volunteer service, garnering a 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hawkins earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy as a volunteer with the Nashville Dolphins, a swim program for kids and adults with disabilities; she works with advanced swimmers and children just learning how to take advantage of this therapeutic skill; and

WHEREAS, her grade's service learning leadership council representative for the last three years, Ashley Hawkins began her involvement with the Nashville Dolphins almost two years ago when she signed up for a volunteer opportunity at a statewide Special Olympics swim meet; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of

young people like Ms. Hawkins who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that the members of this legislative body give recognition to and express gratitude for the vitality, altruism, and tremendous determination of young Tennesseans such as Ashley Hawkins, who truly are shining stars on the horizon of our State's future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipient Ashley Hawkins, recognize her outstanding volunteerism in her community, and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.